

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Kaupin in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, March 2, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER – The Prayer was given by Councilor Edgar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Arnone, Bosco, Cekala, Deni, Edgar, Hall, Kaupin, Lee, Mangini, Stokes and Szewczak. Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Assistant Town Manager, Derrik Kennedy; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki; Town Attorney, Kevin Deneen; Assistant Town Manager of Development Services, Courtney Hendricson; Assistant Director of Public Works/Business Operations Manager, Rose Bouchard; Deputy Director of Public Works, Billy Taylor; Chief Technology Officer, Paul Russell

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Kaupin made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #3047 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Deni to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2015 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3047** adopted 11-0-0.

MOTION #3048 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Arnone to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3048** adopted 11-0-0.

MOTION #3049 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Arnone to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2015 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3049** adopted 11-0-0.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Present from the Enfield High School Renovation Building Committee was Chairman Randy Daigle and Consultant Art Pongratz. Also present was Chief Technology Officer, Paul Russell

Mr. Daigle showed an aerial view of the existing footprint of Enfield High School, and he pointed out those areas being renovated as new. He pointed out the STEM wing, which will be known as the Fermi wing. He noted the auto shop and wood shop will be located in the southwest area of the school. He stated the gymnasium is being totally renovated. He pointed out the entire building will be renovated as new, and they were able to achieve that classification from the state several months ago.

He stated “D” wing will be removed and replaced with a new auditorium, chorus and band area. He noted this new wing will have a separate entrance to accommodate special events, and this area can be kept separate from the rest of the building during those events for added security.

Mr. Daigle stated the new cafeteria will be doubled in size. He noted there will be three lunch waves, and they will be able to accommodate all students.

He noted they have an extensive amount of classrooms for math and science. He stated they’re doing a minimal amount of work in the media center.

Mr. Daigle stated the third floor will contain classrooms for English, social studies and science.

He noted there will be additional parking in the rear of the building, and they were able to re-route the existing parking to have a separate drop-off area for the students.

Mr. Daigle stated there are several phases of construction underway.

He noted construction workers have been working in terrible weather conditions, but they’re doing a great job, and they’re able to continue doing masonry work.

He reviewed some completion dates as follows:

Fermi wing –completed 11/16/15

Cafeteria addition – completed 8/14/15

Gymnasium/locker rooms - completed 2/23/16

Demolition of existing science area – completed January, 2016

Auditorium renovations – completed January, 2017

Music & Band – completed 2017

Existing A wing – levels 1, 2 & 3 – completed August, 2016

Mr. Daigle stated at one point they were \$4.4 million dollars under budget. He explained during the design phase, they were not sure where they'd be with the final cost, therefore, they were taking money from different areas based on their estimate of construction at the time. He stated they pulled money from the IT area and furniture, finishes and equipment. He noted between the trade bids, drawings and costs that came in, they were able to replenish their furniture, fixtures and equipment line item of a million dollars, and they were able to replenish the IT line item of a million dollars, and that still left them with almost \$2.4 million dollars. He stated they are in good shape financially, however, they did have a situation involving an existing oil tank that supposedly was abandoned, cleaned and removed. He noted that was not the case, and that tank was located right where one of the footings is to go. He stated this was a 30,000 oil tank the size of a school bus. He noted once they checked the oil tank, they learned it wasn't completely drained and there was some seepage. He stated they had to get the water and soil tested and it was contaminated, therefore, they had to dig to the point where they were comfortable with the readings. He noted the tank was removed, and the unforeseen cost for this job was \$154,000. He pointed out drawings indicated that tank was not there. He went on to note they found some contaminated soil in another area, which resulted in an expenditure of \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Mr. Daigle stated overall they are doing fine, and financially they're doing well and haven't had to touch much money in the contingency, and they still have several million dollars remaining. He acknowledged there are a couple more years to go. He noted their biggest concern is "D" wing because of what was there, the time period it was there and what it was used for. He noted they are saving every penny, and they have accountability for every penny that gets used, and it has to be justified. He noted they can always come back and include things later. He stated they just finished putting the furniture, finishes and equipment package together, and they estimate that will come in a little under a million dollars. He noted if the bid package comes in good, they're reserving the price at today's dollars in the future. He stated they're able to achieve a 30% discount on the furniture from the retail price, and that's a big savings.

He stated any money that's left over from the contingency is going back into the school for possibly additional I-Pads or additional furniture.

Mr. Daigle stated they're able to put money back into IT, and they have great help from the Town's IT Department. He noted they're looking at different packages for IT and the actual installation of those packages.

Mr. Russell stated they'll be expanding the existing network with the latest technologies. He noted they'll have the capabilities of scaling upwardly to handle the capacities that will be required for all the students, teachers and visitors to be able to gain access to wireless resources. He stated they'll be moving the Connecticut Education Network connection from Fermi over to the Fermi wing at Enfield High School. He noted the upgrade to the speed will be a one gigabyte internet connection, which is a tremendously fast connection. He stated the networking that they're putting in is capable of running 10 gigabyte ports on the initial start and scaling upwardly of 100 gigabytes. He stated a lot of

the benefits are going to be with their wireless capabilities that they're bringing in. He noted they're very excited about bringing this technology into Enfield High School.

Mr. Pongratz stated they will be meeting with the State of Connecticut on April 7th to review Phase III of the project for a planned completion test on the furniture, fixtures, equipment and technology part of the package. He noted after the approval of these pieces, they will phase the purchases along with the phasing of the building.

He noted the majority of the classroom furniture is reusable's. He noted all the classrooms will have all the new technology capabilities.

Mr. Daigle stated if there's money left over after they purchase the IT and furniture for specialty rooms, they can look at standard classroom furniture.

He concluded stating that between the technology and the footprint, this is a state-of-the-art building that everyone will be proud of.

Councilor Deni stated the Committee is doing a great job, and he appreciates all their work.

Councilor Arnone stated his expectations have been exceeded. He commended everyone for their work on this.

Councilor Lee questioned what the high school of the future looks like, i.e., smart boards, whiteboards, etc. Mr. Russell stated every room will have video projection. He noted with students carrying their own technology, they're not really going up to the board any more. He stated students will be capable of connecting to the projector in every classroom.

Councilor Szewczak stated a lot of the software is reimbursable because they're including that software in the school as they're renovating the building.

Mr. Daigle stated every single committee member has played a vital role in this project, and all members take this project very seriously.

Councilor Hall thanked Mr. Daigle and the whole committee. She noted this is a wonderful committee, and they're putting a lot of hours into a tremendous project. She questioned if the School Board has been an integral part of the decision making concerning the hardware and what's needed in the school.

Mr. Pongratz stated Guy Bourassa is the Chief Technology Officer for the Board of Education, and he has worked closely with Mr. Russell and George Rypysc in the purchasing of all the technology items at the school. He added it's a state requirement that the Chairman of the Board of Education sign off on the paperwork for Phase III for the FF&E and the technology. He noted the Board of Education is 100% informed about this.

Councilor Arnone thanked the committee and staff for their work. He questioned whether they have a computer system regarding the maintenance system for this building going forward. Mr. Pongratz stated the as builts and all the operations manuals will be provided to the school on a hard drive. He noted part of the package for the building is training for all the maintenance people operating that building.

Chairman Kaupin expressed his appreciation for all the work done by the committee.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Liz Davis, 201 North Maple Street

Stated several months ago, she came before the Council with Mr. Kibbe concerning cyber bullying by adults and attempted to educate the town about this problem. She noted this brings her to the issue of what happened at the last informational meeting at Nathan Hale concerning school safety. She noted it came up at that meeting that they're investing in psychiatrists and counselors and Rachel's Challenge concerning bullying. She stated that evening she watched Mr. Bromson, the Public Safety Director, lose control in a very unprofessional way. She noted all leaders and elected officials need to be held to a higher standard. She stated adults are supposed to set an example to children. She stated her hope the Council does something about this because her concern is if this is who they have in charge of the public safety of their children, and he can't control his anger, there are issues.

Ms. Davis stated a \$15.00 donation can buy a "Stomp Out Bullying" hat.

She stated this Wednesday at 6:30 at the Police Department, they'll be holding the first community steering event.

She concluded by thanking the Council for all their time and what they do.

Jack Sheridan, 7 Buchanan Road

Stated he attended the JFK and Nathan Hale public informational meetings, and at both of those meetings this person lost control, and this staff member had a person crying because of her statements. He noted this isn't a good example for anyone.

Mr. Sheridan stated people seem so vested in continuing with the SSO Program, and it was his impression that most of the people who attended the informational meetings were not in favor of continuing that program.

He referred to Mr. Dorn's 29-page report and stated his belief it was a repetitious report. He referred to Paragraph 4.1 where it states that if this program were eliminated, the schools can't expect to get that cash to use it for something they wish to use.

Mr. Sheridan stated he asked Dr. Schumann what he'd be willing to give up out of his budget for the guards, and he responded nothing. He noted if the SSO Program isn't that important to Dr. Schumann, why is it so important to the taxpayers. He stated the Sandy

Hook Advisory Committee clearly does not say anything about guards and still maintains that in the newspapers.

He stated they talk about all the security things and hardening the schools, but they still don't have locks on the doors, according to the teachers.

Charles Woods, 11 Westerly Drive

Commended Town staff for the Town's website, which contains a lot of detail relating to the Council agenda.

Mr. Woods commended Counselor Arnone for asking questions at the February 17th meeting and stated his belief Councilor Arnone shouldn't be criticized for asking questions.

He noted no teachers were let go as a result of school closings, but rather they became administrators. He went on to note the school system spends almost a million dollars a year for substitute teachers.

Mr. Woods stated his belief this town doesn't have very good position management, and no one really justifies every position that they have.

He stated when the Council is criticized by a person that has either a personal or financial involvement, he believes that person should deny themselves their opinion.

Bethany Ouellette, 24 Betty Road

Stated she was at the last SSO meeting at Nathan Hale, and she was upset by the behavior of Mr. Bromson.

Ms. Ouellette stated she does not support the SSO Program because of all the other things in Enfield that need funding. She feels funding should be more proactively used by getting counselors and psychologists into the schools.

She referred to the transitional facility that's being planned by the state and questioned how that will effect Enfield.

Lucien LeFevre, 54 Kimberly Drive

Expressed his concern about fire hydrants not being shoveled out. He stated he doesn't know who has jurisdiction over the fire hydrants. He noted many fire hydrants around Enfield have not been cleared. He stated being a former fire fighter, he knows what the impact can be. He noted the time it would take to clear the hydrant in the case of a fire could be a matter of life and death. He stated he knows there are fines for not clearing sidewalks, but he's not sure about fire hydrants. He feels this should be looked into because it's a big safety issue.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Councilor Mangini stated the Enfield Dog Park is assisting the Enfield Senior Center with their program, “AniMeals on Wheels”. She explained this program is to help supply food for pets. She noted donations can be brought to the Enfield Senior Center Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or donations can be brought to 6 Burnham Street in Enfield.

Councilor Deni stated he had the opportunity to go to Asnuntuck Community College for a ribbon cutting ceremony on their new welding facility. He noted this is a great facility and is working very well. He noted the Superintendent of Schools and Governor were also present.

Councilor Bosco stated his hope a memo can go to the Public Works and Police departments requesting they report potholes around town so that they can be addressed.

Councilor Bosco suggested clearing out storm drains for the predicted rain so as to avoid flooding problems.

Councilor Cekala stated the Enfield Little League and Thompsonville Little League have merged, and they are extending the registration until March 11th. She noted more information is available at enfieldlittleleague.org.

Councilor Hall questioned whether the Town is looking at re-doing the South Road/Beech Road/Raffia Road intersection.

Councilor Lee requested an update regarding elementary playground projects.

MOTION #3050 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Stokes to suspend the rules to address under Miscellaneous Items 14 F, G, and H.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3050** adopted 11-0-0.

Councilor Deni stated there’s really no town-wide regulation concerning fire hydrants. He noted North Thompsonville Fire Department firemen do go out and shovel out the fire hydrants, and they urge people to do this as well.

Councilor Lee stated the Enfield Together Coalition is hosting the 3rd presentation of a series on prescription drug abuse. He noted that presentation will be held in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Kaupin stated on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Enfield Square, the State of Connecticut Girl Scouts will be having an event called, “Girl Scouts Who Shape the Future Mall Madness #19”. He noted this is a good opportunity to see what Girl Scouts do throughout the State of Connecticut.

Chairman Kaupin stated the next First Readers Ceremony will be on Monday, March 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fermi auditorium.

He stated he is already seeing cracks in the roadway on South Road. He noted it appears there is erosion in the seams. He noted the roads that were resurfaced should be checked to see what can be done.

Chairman Kaupin stated his belief fire hydrant clearing is part of the Town's ordinance, and they can actually cite people for not clearing around the hydrants.

He stated he read an editorial in the Saturday Journal Inquirer, and one paragraph called into question the Chief of Police. He stated his belief this is unfair criticism by the editors of the Journal Inquirer. He noted if they had done their homework, they probably wouldn't have written that paragraph. He read the paragraph as follows:

"Those opposed were heard, and we hope listened to, and only a few mistaken claims by proponents were asserted. For example, the remark by Police Chief Carl Sferrazza that Newtown, the scene of the horrible school massacre, patterned its school protection system after Enfield. Newtown did not."

Chairman Kaupin stated today there was an email from the Newtown Chief of Police, Michael Kehoe. He read that email as follows:

"Good Morning Carl: It was good talking to you this morning. This email represents what we have decided to implement in Newtown following visits to Enfield and North Branford and guidance from Enfield officials and North Branford officials relative to the school security officer program. As you can understand, our school safety plans are robust and include an element we feel adds the highest level of security through the use of highly trained retired armed police officers (civilians) that are assigned to each school in the school district. Both the Enfield and North Branford SSO models were analyzed, and the decision was made to implement the SSO Program in Newtown in alignment with the Enfield SSO Program. The program was developed in collaboration with the Newtown Board of Education, the Newtown Board of Police Commissioners, and the Newtown Board of Selectman. A memorandum of understanding is in place for the program, and there was significant collaboration between the Police Department and the Superintendent's office on all matters surrounding the implementation of the SSO Program. As you know, all SSO's are under the supervision of the Newtown Police Department and are considered Town of Newtown employees, whose pay and equipment are budgeted within the Town of Newtown budget. If you should need any further clarification on this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me. Very truly yours, Chief Michael Kehoe, Newtown Police Department."

Chairman Kaupin stated he did not read this as part of the debate of whether in Enfield they should have SSO's or not, but what irked him about the Journal Inquirer editorial was that it called into question Enfield's Chief of Police and comments he made publicly.

He stated his belief that although the Journal Inquirer is free to have their opinion as any resident, a newspaper must also report the truth, however, in this editorial they did not. He stated his opinion the Journal Inquirer should apologize to Enfield's Chief of Police and issue a correction.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Coppler stated within the Council's packet is a proposed budget meeting schedule. He requested the Council review those dates and let him know if there's any major conflict. He noted they will be taping each of the department budget meetings. He stated two milestones are coming up – March 12th at 6:30 p.m. will be the budget discussion with the Board of Education in the Enfield Room and March 16th will be the Town Manager's budget presentation. He stated the Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th at JFK Middle School.

He stated the Council has a memo from the Assistant Town Manager of Development Services, Courtney Hendricson. He noted this involves the contract for John Pagini, who has been helping the Planning Department until they have a new Assistant Town Planner in place. He stated the new Assistant Town Planner has actually started. He noted when they did the contract, the Council waived the bid requirements. He stated part of the requirement was that by the end of February, Mr. Pagini's service would be done. He noted staff has indicated they still have a ways to go with the rezoning of Thompsonville, and they believe Mr. Pagini is working very well with the Planning Commission, and they'd like him to continue in a limited capacity with the Town to see that part of the project through. He noted this would amount to about 15 hours on a weekly basis.

Councilor Arnone stated he has heard good things about Mr. Pagini's ability to work with everyone, and he's totally in favor of this.

Councilor Szewczak questioned how many weeks this involves, and Mr. Coppler noted there are three different zoning pieces to be addressed – TVR, mixed use and the riverfront. He noted the idea would be to have Mr. Pagini work with them in those three areas. He stated it's believed if everything goes right, they could have it done by the end of the year.

Councilor Lee voiced his support of this.

Councilor Deni stated his belief Mr. Pagini is doing a great job.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with this.

Referring to the South Road/Beech Road/Raffia Road intersection, Mr. Coppler stated DPW is conducting a study with an engineering firm, and that study is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month.

Councilor Hall questioned the soonest they can re-stripe that intersection, and Mr. Coppler stated temperatures should be in the 50's when re-striping is done.

As concerns elementary playgrounds, Mr. Coppler stated there was to be a discussion with the PTO's, but that meeting was cancelled due to weather. He noted the Town will put in writing what's going to be done, and they'll distribute that to the PTO's. He noted they have less than \$100,000 for playgrounds, but the elements of the program would be that they've re-done the priorities of the playground CIP, and they know the direction they want to go. He stated if the PTO's wish to raise money to help out with the effort, some of the projects can be moved up. He noted they will probably start doing upgrades during the summer.

Mr. Coppler stated since 2010, the Town has been putting on the website the exact same packets that the Council receives.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Deneen stated he has no formal report this evening.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Councilor Mangini stated CCM recently had a very lengthy meeting. She reviewed highlights of that meeting as follows:

- The State wants to hear about mandates that could be challenged.
- There is some movement at the Secretary of State level to restructure the Office of the Registrar of Voters to have just one Registrar.
- The Town Manager has a copy of the Governor's proposed state budget booklet, along with Enfield's scenario where Adult Education and the ECS grant is discussed.
- As concerns the Mohegan grant, slot revenues are decreasing, however, they're getting the same amount.
- Town aid for the roads has stayed the same.
- There's an increase of \$3 million dollars for tree trimming
- There's an act providing tax relief for veterans which will be looked at.
- There's an act concerning municipalities with blight.
- There's an act concerning just cause for fire chiefs where they're looking to provide fire chiefs with a special just cause provision.
- There's an act concerning property tax exemption for disabled veterans.
- There's an act concerning a municipal mandate allowing on-line publication of notices.

Referring to the restructuring of a Registrar's Office, Councilor Arnone questioned whether the Town Council would have the power to remove. Attorney Deneen stated the attorney selected by the Council who wrote the Charter provision that said they had the power to remove opined that he was correct when he drafted that. He noted the attorney

for the Registrar is vehemently challenging that and will likely end up in court on that issue. He stated case law has consistently been that the power of impeachment does not lie with the Council.

Councilor Lee requested the Town Manager get back to him as to whether they can renew the request with Enfield Public Schools to reconvene the IT Committee. Mr. Coppler noted they are interested in continuing with that Committee. He stated they need some dates, and Councilor Lee responded some dates will be provided tomorrow.

Mr. Coppler stated at the March 16th meeting they will bring forward a resolution for a bond refunding. He noted a few years ago, this was done and they saved around \$800,000 over a couple years. He stated Lynn Nenni, the Director of Finance, has been diligently reviewing this, and they found an opportunity this year to do this, and they estimate the refunding could save between \$500,000 and \$900,000. He noted the next step will be to get authorization to actually go out and do that refunding and bid it out.

Councilor Lee questioned whether this is similar to refinancing a mortgage, and Mr. Coppler respond yes, it would be very similar.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS (TOWN COUNCIL)

MOTION #3051 by Councilor Cekala, seconded by Councilor Edgar to remove Item #13 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3051** adopted 11-0-0.

NOMINATION #3052 by Councilor Edgar to appoint Kassie Huhtanen (D) to the Cultural Arts Commission for a term which expires 5/31/2016.

MOTION #3053 by Councilor Deni, seconded by Councilor Mangini to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3053** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Kassie Huhtanen appointed to the Cultural Arts Commission by an 11-0-0 vote.

All other appointments remained tabled.

Items C. and D. remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments to the Inland Wetland Watercourse Agency and Ethics Commission will appear on the next agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Appointments to the Clean Energy Committee will appear under New Business on the next regular meeting agenda.

RESOLUTION #3054 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Stokes.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	DPW Highway Snow Accounts		
	Snow Plowing	10300370-542200	\$200,000
	Maintenance & Bldg Supplies	10300370-561400	\$140,000
FROM:	General Fund		
	Appropriated Fund Balance	10040000-499000	\$340,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of February 19, 2015.

/s/ A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

Present for this discussion were Billy Taylor, Deputy Director of Public Works and Rose Bouchard, Assistant Director of Public Works/Business Operations Manager.

Mr. Taylor stated the Council received a preview of this request at the last meeting. He stated it has been a difficult winter so far, and it has caused a number of problems for personnel and budgets. He noted the number of storms has been higher than usual, the weather has been colder resulting in thawing and re-freezing, and they are also dealing with a 30% increase for salt. He stated they're requesting a transfer to cover additional costs in the areas of salt and contracted services. He noted the Council has an updated spreadsheet before them.

Councilor Deni stated a lot of roads are getting heaves, and he anticipates a lot of road work in the spring throughout the whole town.

Mr. Taylor stated he also noticed a lot of heaving, however, he believes a lot of the heaving will settle down, but it can cause damage since it shows that water was able to get under the pavement and into the base material which weakens it somewhat.

Councilor Arnone questioned whether it was the duration of the storms this year that made it so expensive, and Mr. Taylor stated according to the National Weather Service, they're about 24 inches above normal and about 7 inches above last year in terms of the amount of snow that they've received. He referred to the spreadsheet and pointed out many of these storms occurred on weekends and holidays, which obviously adds to the cost. He noted in addition, they have a budget for salt, which is somewhere in the range of \$200,000. He stated another factor was that budget was put together over a year ago based on last year's salt prices, and the salt price increased 30%.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3054** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3055 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

WHEREAS, during the winter of 2013-2014, pursuant to Chapter 74, Article IV of the Enfield Town Code, property owners were cited for failure to remove snow and were fined accordingly; and

WHEREAS, in those cases, the Town of Enfield removed the snow and property owners were also charged fees for snow removal; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 74-103 of the Enfield Town Code, the property owners contested their liability for the citation before a duly appointed hearing officer; and

WHEREAS, Section 74-103 pertains only to a hearing for the appeal of fines and does not pertain to a hearing to appeal snow removal fees; and

WHEREAS, in certain cases, the hearing officer found the property owners not liable, ruling that both the fines and the snow removal fees were "improperly imposed and vacated"; and

WHEREAS, the hearing officer notified the property owners in writing of such decision; and

WHEREAS, although the hearing officer's decision was inconsistent with the authority granted in the ordinance, the property owners reasonably believed they were no longer liable for snow removal fees and relied on the hearing officer's written decision; and

WHEREAS, it would be inequitable for the Town to pursue payment of snow removal fees in those cases where property owners reasonably believed they were not liable therefore and were notified accordingly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does authorize waiver of the property owners' fees contained in Attachment "A".

Councilor Mangini questioned whether the Town will be contacting the people effected by this, and Mr. Coppler stated they will be receiving a notice.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3055** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3056 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Szewczak.

WHEREAS, that the Town Council of the Town of Enfield values the opinions and comments of its constituents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 4 of the Enfield Town Charter, any elector or taxpayer may have an opportunity to be heard regarding appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year and for the purpose of being heard on issues of vital community importance and concern; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council shall conduct a public hearing at the JFK School Auditorium, 155 Raffia Road, Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the order of business of the 2015-2016 budget hearing be arranged as follows:

1. Presentation of the Town Manager's Budget
2. The Chairman of the Board of Education highlights Education Budget.
3. Comments from members of the public for the first time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each speaker is requested to register with the Town Clerk his name and address and that no speaker is allowed to speak more than five minutes each successive time the speaker's name is called. Additionally, any speaker who has not registered with the Town Clerk will be allowed to speak only after those who have registered no longer wish to speak.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3056** adopted 11-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Liz Davis, 201 North Maple Street

As concerns the transitional facility near the prison, Ms. Davis noted it seems the community isn't aware of this. She stated her hope that if that is coming to this area, the citizens are aware of this.

Chairman Kaupin questioned whether Ms. Davis is referring to what Governor Malloy is proposing as the transition to life outside of prison. Ms. Davis responded yes. Chairman Kaupin stated he was called by the prison warden about a month ago, and Willard-Cybulski is already a transition facility. He noted according to the Department of

Corrections, they would see increased traffic of people who will be supporting inmates once they're released to the public to help inmates transition to life on the streets versus life in prison. He noted this is not a new facility, but rather it's a change of use of Willard-Cybulski. He stated that facility is already the lowest level, and it will continue to be the lowest level.

Ms. Davis stated her hope the Town of Enfield will put out more information to the public clarifying this matter.

Ms. Davis stated since there might be \$800,000 from the bond, perhaps they can fix playgrounds. She noted the Board of Education doesn't have enough funds and the PTO's are raising funds to bring in cultural arts, bring in authors, partially fund field trips and buy things for the schools. She questioned what the priority is for the schools' infrastructure. She stated she would like to see where all the funding is going. She went on to state that one of the key elements of a town and raising home values is a good educational system. She noted if a town has a top notch school system, people will move into town.

Bethany Ouellette, 24 Betty Road

Questioned whether there's a list of what the priorities are for the playgrounds. She noted PTO's love to support their schools, and they believe in the environment in the schools and building a partnership. She stated PTO's do a lot, i.e., adding technology in the schools, funding field trips and cultural experiences for all the students.

Ms. Ouellette noted there was a water main break in front of her home this past fall, and the Connecticut Water Company did a terrible job of patching the road. She noted residents notified the Public Works Department, and DPW seemed very unaware of who did the work in the road. She stated DPW was able to get Connecticut Water to repair 100 feet of roadway. She questioned how much notice Public Works gets when utility work is done on streets, and what follow up is done.

Mr. Coppler stated one of the goals that the Town Council laid out was to put together a facility review. He noted this year's budget includes money to look at every facility in anticipation that they will be putting out a referendum in the fall. He stated this may amount to \$30 to \$40 million dollars worth of work that needs to be done.

He suggested Ms. Davis and Ms. Ouellette call his office tomorrow, and he can supply a list concerning playgrounds.

As concerns utility work on town roadways, Mr. Coppler stated the process should be that the utility company come in and fill out a road cut application depending on the nature of the issue. He stated if it's a leak that the utility company just learned about and has to be fixed, they may not fill out an application because they have a blanket authorization for emergencies. He stated unfortunately, there are times when utility companies cut into town roads, and they don't file an application. He noted the Town usually goes after the utility company to find out what's going on.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Stokes stated Vaughan Vanderscoff, a former Registrar of Voters, passed away last week. He noted Ms. Vanderscoff served in that office for many years. He offered condolences to her family.

Councilor Cekala requested a copy of the playground priority list, and Mr. Coppler noted he'd send this list to all Councilors.

Councilor Arnone stated the State does a terrible job when it comes to notifying communities when they do a change in their program, i.e., the transitional facility. He went on to note Enfield already has a minimum security prison, and they give an inmate some money and clothes and they're released, and that is all. He pointed out that's why there's a 60% rate of inmates returning to prison. He stated these are the kinds of programs that are desperately needed to make sure inmates get what they need when they get out and not end up back in prison. He noted the State has to have some kind of community meetings to make sure that's exactly what their intent is. He stated he would like to try arranging for some community meetings so they can have a discussion regarding this.

Chairman Kaupin stated Enfield has a Prison/Town Liaison Committee. He noted the prison warden told him he also reached out to the Town Manager's office. He stated the Governor made a presentation, and the Department of Corrections was scurrying to get out some advanced warning before it hit the news. He requested the Town Manager reach out to the warden to see if there's a fact sheet as to what will be happening at that facility. He went on to note that in the meeting with Senator Kissel last week, it was mentioned that the Department of Corrections is looking to close a couple prisons. He noted although it's not official, one prison they're looking at is the Enfield medium facility on the hill. He stated it seems the State of Connecticut is not looking to divest itself from the property, therefore, it would continue to be a facility that Enfield would continue getting PILOT for (payment in lieu of taxes). He noted that would be a mothballed facility. He suggested perhaps the warden can come to a Town Council meeting and give a quick presentation as to what they anticipate the facility being used for.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #3057 by Councilor Stokes, seconded by Councilor Mangini to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3057** adopted 11-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Appended to minutes
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ATTACHMENT A

Ticket	Property Address	Fine	Removal Fee	Balance Due
			\$	\$
975	61 Sheridan Rd	\$ 75.00	100.00	175.00
			\$	\$
448	18 Middle Rd	\$ 75.00	93.00	168.00
			\$	\$
950	77 Oakwood St	\$ 75.00	135.00	135.00
			\$	\$
952	1 Wilson Ct	\$ 75.00	165.00	165.00
			\$	\$
447	16 Middle Rd	\$ 75.00	160.00	235.00
			\$	\$
963	34 Columbia Rd	\$ 75.00	80.00	80.00
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